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MEMORANDUM

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Director, Central Intelligence

Subj: Overflights of the China Coast; request for

1. The Commander in Chief, Pacific, has requested daily TALENT overflight coverage of the coast of Communist China from SWATOW to WENCHOW. The basis for the request stems from the critical need for timely and continuing information derived from U.S. sources concerning Chinese Communist overwater lift capabilities.
2. It is my desire to provide the Commander in Chief, Pacific, with as much information as possible related to Chinese Communist capabilities. To discern immediate amphibious capabilities, frequent vertical photo coverage to a depth of thirty miles inland from SWATOW to WENCHOW is necessary. It is therefore requested that permission be sought from the President for such coverage as feasible, weather permitting.

Arthur B. Bunker

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